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Troy Police Arrest Suspect in Escort Service Shooting

On April 15, 2013 at approximately 9:23 p.m. Troy officers were dispatched to the 2300 block of Coolidge, an apartment complex, where residents reported “possible gun shots.” Officers arrived and spoke to the male victim who had visible scratch marks on his neck, an abrasion on his right cheek/temple area and blood around his left ear.

Victim related he had ordered on “Backpage.com” (online ads) an escort. When the female escort arrived at victim’s apartment, the victim declined the services of the escort due to her not matching the photo which was advertised. The escort then demanded \$50 in a “cancellation fee” from the victim and the victim refused. The escort then placed a call and a w/m subject came to the apartment and forced his way into the victim’s apartment, attempting to collect the “cancellation fee.” The victim and w/m suspect began to struggle and during this struggle the suspect brandished a black semi-automatic type handgun. Both fought over the gun and a round was fired by the suspect into the wall of the apartment. The fight continued and fell out into the common hallway where at one point the suspect placed the victim in a head-lock. Victim was able to break free and the suspect fled from the apartment building.

Through an intensive investigation the Troy Police Investigation Section was able to identify the escort; and from her the identity of the w/m suspect – below Darryl Scott Cunningham, age 24 from Dearborn Heights. Cunningham was arrested on April 16, 2013 in Westland by Troy Police Investigators with assistance from Westland Police Department and Canton Township Police Department. The suspected gun was also recovered by investigators.

On April 18, 2013 Cunningham was arraigned at 52-4 District Court by Magistrate Donald Chisolm on the charges of “Home Invasion, 1st Degree” and “Felony Assault.” Bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety. A preliminary exam conference is scheduled for April 22, 2013 at 52-4 District Court before Judge William Bolle.



Darryl Scott Cunningham, age 24 from Dearborn Heights







